

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

displaying a plurality of images in succession, each of the plurality of images including an information code being common to the plurality of images, the information code being positioned in a different display area for the each of the plurality of images than for others of the plurality of images; and

optically reading the information code from one of the displayed plurality of images, a part of the information code displayed in a portion of the display other than an unrecognizable portion, the information code being obtained when the part of the information code from another of the displayed plurality of images, the another part of the information code displayed in the unrecognizable portion, is not optically read.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the plurality of images includes forming each of the plurality of images from an original image by rotating the original image by a predetermined angle.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the plurality of images includes forming each of the plurality of images from an original image by moving the original image in parallel by a predetermined distance.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the plurality of images includes forming each of the plurality of images from an original image by changing a size of the original image.

5. – 12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) ~~The A method according to claim 12, wherein~~ comprising:
dividing an information code into a plurality of partial information codes;
displaying a plurality of partial images in succession indicating the plurality of of partial
information codes respectively such that each of the plurality of partial images includes a code
indicating one or more of a dividing number and a display order of the each;
reading optically the plurality of partial information codes indicated in the displayed
plurality of partial images; and
combining the partial information codes to obtain the information code.
wherein the reading optically the plurality of partial information codes includes obtaining a part of a one of the plurality of partial information codes indicating a one of the plurality of partial images, the part displayed in a portion other than an unrecognizable portion when the part of another of the plurality of partial information codes indicating another of the plurality of partial images displayed in the unrecognizable portion is not optically read.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the optically reading the information code includes:

examining a brightness of each of the displayed plurality of images;

judging that the part of the each of the displayed plurality of images is displayed in the unrecognizable portion when the part of the each of the displayed plurality of images has a brightness having one of a greater brightness than a first predetermined brightness and a lesser brightness than a second predetermined brightness; and

discarding partial information obtained from the part of the each of the plurality of images.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information code optically read includes an information code used for a commercial transaction.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the plurality of images includes displaying the each of the plurality of images according to a predetermined time interval.